

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 1. (Currently Amended) A mail processing machine, comprising:
2 a first holding location that is adapted to hold a stack of first materials, wherein
3 the first materials comprise cards, and wherein each first material includes an identifier;
4 a second holding location that is adapted to hold a stack of second materials, and
5 wherein each second material includes an identifier;
6 a first advancing mechanism that is adapted to separately advance each first
7 material from the stack;
8 a second advancing mechanism that is adapted to separately advance each second
9 material from the stack;
10 a scanning system that is adapted to read the identifiers on each first material and
11 each second material;
12 a controller that is configured to control the first and second advancing
13 mechanism to permit the first and second materials to be scanned by the scanning system and to
14 match the first materials with the second materials if the identifier on one of the advanced first
15 materials corresponds with the identifier on one of the advanced second materials;
16 a conveyor, wherein the first advancing mechanism is configured to place one of
17 the first materials onto the conveyor, and wherein the second advancing mechanism is
18 configured to place one of the second materials onto the first material if the identifiers are
19 corresponding; and
20 a plurality of inserting locations that are adapted to hold inserts, and a plurality of
21 inserting mechanisms that are adapted to place selective ones of the inserts onto the first and
22 second materials as they pass along the conveyor.

1 2. (Canceled).

2 3. (Canceled).

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~~4.~~ (Currently Amended) A machine as in claim 1 3, wherein the controller is
2 configured to operate the inserting mechanisms to place the inserts based on the identifiers on the
3 first and second materials.

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~~5.~~ (Currently Amended) A machine as in claim 1 3, further comprising a
2 stuffing mechanism that is adapted to place the first and the second materials along with any
3 inserts into an envelope.

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~~6.~~ (Original) A machine as in claim ³~~5~~, further comprising a postage station
2 that is adapted to place postage onto the envelope.

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~~7.~~ (Amended) A machine as in claim 1, wherein the first holding location is
2 adapted to hold the first materials when the first materials are pre-folded into three sections
3 defined by two fold lines.

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~~8.~~ (Amended) A machine as in claim 1, wherein the second holding location
2 is adapted to hold the second materials when the second materials are flat or are pre-folded into
3 three sections defined by two fold lines.

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~~9.~~ (Amended) A machine as in claim 1, wherein the first holding location is
2 adapted to hold the first materials in a vertical stack, and wherein the advancing mechanism is
3 adapted to advance a bottom one of the first materials.

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~~10.~~ (Amended) A machine as in claim 1, wherein the second holding location
2 is adapted to hold the second materials in a vertical stack, and wherein the advancing mechanism
3 is adapted to advance a bottom one of the second materials.

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~~11.~~ (Currently Amended) A method for processing mail, the method
2 comprising:
3 placing a stack of cards into a first holding location, wherein each card is

4 associated with an identifier;
5 placing a stack of materials into a second holding location, wherein each material
6 includes an identifier;
7 advancing one of the cards from the stack using a first advancing mechanism;
8 advancing one of the material from the stack using a second advancing
9 mechanism;
10 reading the identifiers associated with the card and the materials; and
11 determining with a controller if the identifiers on the advanced card and material
12 page correspond; and
13 matching the advanced card and material if the identifiers correspond, wherein the
14 matching step comprises placing the card and second sheet in a stack onto a conveyor; and
15 wherein the first advancing mechanism is configured to place the advanced card
16 onto the conveyor, and wherein the second advancing mechanism is configured to place the
17 advanced material onto the card to stack the card and material onto the conveyor.

1 12. (Canceled).

2 13. (Canceled).

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~~14.~~ (Amended) A method as in claim ⁹~~13~~, further comprising selectively
2 placing inserts from a plurality of inserting locations onto the card and material as they pass
3 along the conveyor.

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~~15.~~ (Amended) A method as in claim ¹⁰~~14~~, further comprising placing the
2 inserts using inserting mechanisms, and further comprising controlling operation of the inserting
3 mechanisms based on the identifiers on the card and material.

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~~16.~~ (Amended) A method as in claim ¹⁰~~14~~, further comprising placing the card
2 and the material along with any inserts into an envelope using a stuffing mechanism.

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~~17.~~ (Original) A method as in claim ¹²~~16~~, further comprising placing postage
2 onto the envelope.

1 Claims 18-36 cancelled.

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~~37.~~ (New) A mail processing machine, comprising:
2 a first holding location that is adapted to hold a stack of first materials, wherein
3 the first materials comprise cards attached to individual sheets, and wherein each first material
4 includes an identifier on the individual sheets;
5 a second holding location that is adapted to hold a stack of second materials, and
6 wherein each second material includes an identifier;
7 a first advancing mechanism that is adapted to separately advance each first
8 material from the stack;
9 a second advancing mechanism that is adapted to separately advance each second
10 material from the stack;
11 a scanning system that is adapted to read the identifiers on each first material and
12 each second material;
13 a controller that is configured to control the first and second advancing
14 mechanism to permit the first and second materials to be scanned by the scanning system and to
15 match the first materials with the second materials if the identifier on one of the advanced first
16 materials corresponds with the identifier on one of the advanced second materials.

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~~38.~~ (New) A machine as in claim ¹⁴~~37~~, further comprising a conveyor, and
2 wherein the first and the second advancing mechanisms are configured to place one of the first
3 and the second materials onto the conveyor if the identifiers are corresponding.

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~~39.~~ (New) A machine as in claim ¹⁵~~38~~, further comprising a plurality of
2 inserting locations that are adapted to hold inserts, and a plurality of inserting mechanisms that
3 are adapted to place selective ones of the inserts onto the first and second materials as they pass
4 along the conveyor.